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Please add my comments to the USDA/FDA proposed Action Plan to Eliminate Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) from egg production per The President's Council on Food Safety:

1. Forced molting is cruel and inhumane treatment - starving hens for 5-14 days in order to increase egg production.
2. The result of this inhumane treatment (apart from the obvious suffering it entails) has been proved in USDA studies to be a primary cause of SE because it suppresses the hens' immune system, leaving them easy prey to disease.

I urge both the USDA and FDA to act immediately on behalf of public safety and eliminate this needlessly cruel and risky practice.

Sincerely,

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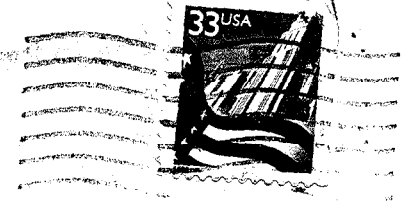
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